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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

J.V. Loughlin, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

(Resigned - 2nd March, 1969)

G. McHugh, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M & H., D.P.H., D.I.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

(Appointed - 20th October, 1969)

H. Buxton, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector.

P.F. Raymond, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector's Diploma.

Additional Public Health Inspector.

Mrs G. Wade.

Clerk.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1968, on behalf of Dr. J.V. Loughlin who was your Medical Officer of Health until he resigned on the 2nd March, 1969.

The Report is in conformity with suggestions made by the Department of Health and Social Security and concerns itself with the general conditions, health and vital statistics of the Melton Mowbray Urban District.

This report, chiefly the work of Mr. H. Buxton, Chief Public Health Inspector, also incorporates a section compiled by him.

May I mention the interest shown by the Council in the work of the Public Health Department, and may I thank Mr. Buxton and all members of the Public Health Department for their helpful co-operation during the year.

G. McHUGH
Medical Officer of Health.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

| | |
|---|----------|
| Area (in acres) - - - - - | 5,699 |
| Registrar General's Estimate of Population (Mid. 1968)- | 18,250 |
| Number of inhabited houses- - - - - | 6,164 |
| Rateable value - - - - - | £782,290 |
| Product of a penny rate - - - - - | £3,240 |

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the changes in population during the past ten years:-

| | | | |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 1959..... | 14,870 | 1964..... | 16,850 |
| 1960..... | 15,090 | 1965..... | 17,340 |
| 1961..... | 15,900 | 1966..... | 17,750 |
| 1962..... | 15,980 | 1967..... | 18,040 |
| 1963..... | 16,310 | 1968..... | 18,250 |

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>1967</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| All causes and ages | 115 | 95 | 210 | 212 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | | | | 9.4 10.5 |
| For England and Wales | | | | 11.9 11.2 |

LIVE BIRTHS

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Number | 184 | 170 | 354 | 371 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | | | | 19.0 20.2 |
| For England and Wales | | | | 16.9 17.2 |

1967 1968

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) - - - - - 4.6 6.2

STILLBIRTHS

Number - - - - - 8 6

Rate per 1,000 total live
and still births - - - - - 21.1 16.7

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS - - - - - 279 360

INFANT DEATHS (deaths under one year) - - - - 9 NIL

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000
total live births - - - - - 24.3 -

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000
legitimate live births - - - - - 25.4 -

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000
illegitimate live births - - - - - - - - -

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under four weeks per
1,000 total live births - - - - - 16.2 -

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under one week per
1,000 total live births - - - - - 13.5 -

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Still births and deaths under one
week combined per 1,000 total live
and still births - - - - - 34.3 16.7

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (including abortion)

Number of deaths - - - - - - - - - NIL NIL

Rate per 1,000 total live
and still births - - - - - - - - - - -

CAUSES OF DEATH

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Tuberculosis of respiratory system | 1 | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - stomach | - | 2 | 2 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - lung, bronchus | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| Malignant Neoplasm - breast | - | 4 | 4 |
| Other malignant neoplasms etc. | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms | - | 1 | 1 |
| Diabetes mellitus | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Other diseases of nervous system, etc. | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease | 2 | - | 2 |
| Hypertensive disease | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Ischaemic heart disease | 28 | 11 | 39 |
| Other forms of heart disease | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Cerebrovascular disease | 14 | 19 | 33 |
| Other diseases of circulatory system | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Influenza | 1 | - | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| Bronchitis and emphysema | 9 | - | 9 |
| Asthma | 2 | - | 2 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Peptic ulcer | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other diseases of digestive system | - | 1 | 1 |
| Diseases of musculo-skeletal system | - | 1 | 1 |
| Symptoms and ill-defined conditions | 10 | 21 | 31 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 3 | - | 3 |
| All other accidents | 3 | 2 | 5 |
|
 | | | |
| Total all causes | <u>115</u> | <u>95</u> | <u>210</u> |

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

| <u>Disease</u> | <u>Total cases
notified</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Measles | 129 |
| Scarlet Fever | 11 |
| Infective Jaundice | 1 |
| Erysipelas | 1 |
| Pneumonia | <u>4</u> |
| | <u>146</u> |

AGE GROUPS

| Disease | Under | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 65 | Total |
|--------------------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|-------|
| | 1 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 24 | 34 | 44 | 64 | & over | |
| Measles | 4 | 25 | 30 | 65 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | 129 |
| Scarlet Fever | - | - | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| Infective Jaundice | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Pneumonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | 4 |
| | 4 | 25 | 33 | 70 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | - | 146 |

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 1968 the following cases and deaths from tuberculosis were notified:-

| <u>Age Group</u> | <u>New Cases</u> | | | | <u>Deaths</u> | | | |
|------------------|------------------|---|-----------|---|---------------|---|-----------|---|
| | Resp. | | Non-resp. | | Resp. | | Non-resp. | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 0 - 14 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 24 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 44 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - 54 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 & over | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION PROCEDURES

The following immunisation/vaccination procedures were carried out during the year by Medical Practitioners:-

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox.

B.C.G. vaccination (against Tuberculosis) of school children over the age of 11 years was carried out by the School Medical Officers. The following are the related figures available:-

| | No. of
children
eligible | No. who
consented | No. skin
tested | No.
positive | No.
negative | No.
vaccinated |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Ferneley
High School | 293 | 279 | 250 | 20 | 228 | 228 |
| Sarson High
School | 420 | 416 | 411 | 44 | 300 | 300 |
| Melton
Upper School | 20 | 19 | 17 | 1 | 16 | 16 |
| Totals | 733 | 714 | 678 | 65 | 544 | 544 |

Number of cases found to be strongly positive and given a Chest X-Ray - 14.

B.C.G. vaccination, for other age groups, is available at the Chest Clinics in the County, at the discretion of the Consultant Chest Physician.

Ambulance Facilities: Home Nursing Service: Home Help Service:
Maternity and Child Welfare: School Health Services: Child Life Protection: Personal Health and Welfare Services:

The Leicestershire County Council is the responsible authority for administration of these services.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47

No action taken during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. H. Buxton, Chief Public Health Inspector, for the following information:

WATER SUPPLY

The water undertaking is under the control of the City of Leicester, and the supply has been satisfactory as regards quantity and quality.

Eleven samples of mains water supplies taken for bacteriological examination were reported as satisfactory.

There is no indication of any tendency to plumbo-solvent action in the piped supplies.

Except for a small number of isolated premises the dwellinghouses have an internal mains water supply.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

| | |
|--|-----|
| Total number of complaints received..... | 184 |
| Number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with | 274 |

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Animal Keeping..... | 8 |
| Bakehouses..... | 9 |
| Dairies..... | 12 |
| Drainage works..... | 65 |
| Dwellinghouses (all purposes)..... | 350 |
| Infectious disease inquiries..... | 30 |
| Food poisoning inquiries..... | 4 |
| Food premises..... | 82 |
| Rodent control..... | 150 |
| Shops and Offices..... | 53 |
| Abattoir and meat inspection..... | 540 |
| Caravans..... | 10 |
| Factories and workplaces..... | 20 |
| Other inspections..... | 194 |
| | <u>1,527</u> |

| <u>Notices</u> | <u>Housing</u> | <u>Public Health</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <u>Informal</u> | | |
| Outstanding on 1st January..... | 1 | - |
| Issued during year..... | 12 | 17 |
| Complied with during year..... | 13 | 13 |
| Outstanding 31st December..... | 4 | |
| <u>Statutory</u> | | |
| Outstanding on 1st January..... | 53 | - |
| Issued during year..... | 10 | - |
| Complied with during year..... | 56 | - |
| Outstanding 31st December..... | 7 | - |

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

One children's open air paddling pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination.

Ten samples of water taken for bacteriological examination from the Waterfield Swimming Bath were reported as satisfactory.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two premises are licensed under the Act.
The conditions are satisfactory and no contraventions were found.

RODENT CONTROL

156 minor rats or mice infestations, reported or discovered, have been dealt with and surveys made in conjunction with these infestations.

Sections of the main sewers in the district have been test baited and treatments carried out to deal with rat infestations.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960

No new site licenses were issued during the year.
There is one privately owned licensed site for a maximum of 20 vans, and 2 individual vans which are subject to temporary permission.
Several vans have had to be moved from unlicensed sites.

OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

| Class of Premises | Number registered | Number of premises inspected | Found | Contraventions | |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Remedied | Outstanding
31:12:68 |
| Offices..... | 48 | 2 | - | 4 | - |
| Retail Shops..... | 120 | 16 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Wholesale Shops,
Warehouses..... | 5 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Catering estabs.
open to the Public,
canteens..... | 22 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| Fuel Storage depots | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 197 | 27 | 5 | 18 | 4 |

Total number of visits..... 53

During the year six further registrations of premises were received, and there were four cancellations.

Three accidents reported, at retail shops, were of a minor nature.

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

| Class of workplace | No. of persons employed |
|--|-------------------------|
| Offices | 994 |
| Retail shops | 724 |
| Wholesale department, warehouse | 116 |
| Catering establishments open to the public | 161 |
| Canteens | 3 |
| Fuel storage depots | 15 |
| Total | 2,013 |
| Total Males | 1,024 |
| Total Females | 989 |

HOUSINGHOUSING IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHEREA. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

| | <u>Houses Demolished</u> | <u>Displaced During Year</u> | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | <u>Persons</u> | <u>Families</u> |
| <u>In Clearance Areas</u> | | | |
| Houses unfit for human habitation | 52 | 19 | 7 |
| Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc. | - | - | - |
| Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957 | 5 | 9 | 3 |
| <u>Not in Clearance Areas</u> | | | |
| As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957. | - | - | - |
| Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health. | - | - | - |
| Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts. | - | - | - |
| Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders. | - | - | - |

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

| | <u>Number</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED</u> | 10 |
| | 8 |
| | 6 |

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT & HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

| | <u>By Owner</u> | <u>By Local Authority</u> |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
| After informal action by local authority. | 13 | - |
| After formal notice under
(a) Public Health Act
(b) Section 9 and 16
Housing Act, 1957. | - | - |
| Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957. | - | - |
| <u>D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)</u> | NIL | |
| <u>E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT</u> | NIL | |

Inspection of dwelling houses

| | |
|---|-----|
| Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)..... | 125 |
| Number of inspections made..... | 160 |
| Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... | 10 |

New Houses:

By Local Authority By Private Enterprise

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| Number of houses completed
during the year..... | - | 212 |
| Number of houses in course of
erection at the end of the year | - | 175 |
| Total number of post-war houses
completed..... | 1,202 | 2,152 |

Occupied Houses:

Total number of occupied houses in district..... 6,164
Number of council houses occupied..... 1,431

Improvement Grants

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

No. of applications for grants received
during the year..... NIL

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------|----|
| No. of applications received for standard grants from:- | (a) Owner/Occupiers..... | 11 |
| | (b) Owners of rented property | 3 |
| No. of applications approved..... | | 14 |
| No. of properties improved during the year | | 13 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors

| | <u>No. on Register</u> | <u>No. of Inspections</u> |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|

| | | |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Dairies..... | 4 | 7 |
| Distributors..... | 5 | 5 |

No contraventions found.

Ice-Cream

Number of premises registered:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| (a) Manufacture and Retail..... | NIL |
| (b) Manufacture only..... | NIL |
| (c) Retail only..... | 45 |

Inspections of the registered premises and vehicles used for the sale of ice-cream were made during the year, and were found satisfactory. Most of the ice-cream is sold ready packed.

12 samples of ice-cream were all satisfactory.

Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966

| | |
|--|----|
| Stallholders complying with the Regulations..... | 16 |
| Vehicles complying with Regulations..... | 20 |

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning have been notified during the year.

Meat and Other Foods

All animals slaughtered at the abattoir have been inspected and marked in accordance with the provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963.

| | |
|--|--------|
| Number of slaughterhouses in area..... | 1 |
| Number of animals slaughtered and inspected..... | 13,809 |
| Number of visits to slaughterhouse..... | 540 |

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of knackers yards in area..... | 1 |
| Number of visits to knackers yard..... | 6 |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Number of licensed slaughtermen..... | 10 |
|--------------------------------------|----|

Licenses issued during the year:

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| (a) new licenses..... | 1 |
| (b) renewals..... | 9 |

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

| | Cattle
excluding
Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep
and
Lambs | Pigs | Total |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|
| Number killed
and inspected | 1,489 | 47 | 20 | 6,354 | 5,899 | 13,809 |
| <u>All Diseases
except
Tuberculosis</u> | | | | | | Weight
in lbs |
| Whole carcases
condemned | - | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 2,427 |
| Carcase of
which some part or
organ condemned | 305 | 14 | 2 | 158 | 608 | 6,040 |
| Percentage of number
inspected affected
with disease other
than Tuberculosis | 20.5% | 34.0% | 15.0% | 2.6% | 10.5% | |
| <u>Tuberculosis
only</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases
condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcase of which
some part or organ
condemned | - | - | - | - | 24 | 342 |
| Percentage of number
inspected affected
with Tuberculosis | - | - | - | 11 - | 0.4% | |
| <u>Cysticercosis</u> | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Total weight in lbs, 8,809

3 tons. 18 cwt. 73 lbs of meat was condemned during the year, compared with 4 tons. 5 cwt. 49 lbs last year.

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily surrendered during the year:-

87 packets of frozen foods; 28 lbs of imported meat; 72 lbs of tomatoes; 6 dozen packets of cheese; 26 lbs of butter; 32 lbs of sultanas, and 476 tins of various foods.

No. of certificates issued..... 56

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The following table shows the number of food premises grouped in categories of trade carried on and includes information regarding compliance with Regulations 16 and 19 concerning washing facilities.

| Trade | No. | No. complying with Reg.16 | No. to which Reg.19 applies | No. complying with Reg.19 |
|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Grocer | 36 | 36 | 11 | 11 |
| Greengrocer | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Fried fish | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Wet fish | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Butcher | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Confectioner | 24 | 24 | 4 | 4 |
| Cafes and canteens | 16 | 16 | 14 | 14 |
| Licensed premises and restaurants | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 |

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspection for purposes or provisions as to health:

| | <u>No. on Register</u> | <u>Inspec-tions</u> | <u>Wanton Notices</u> | <u>Occupants Prosecuted</u> |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. | 10 | 12 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities. | 68 | 20 | - | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities. | 8 | 6 | - | - |
| | <u>86</u> | <u>38</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

2. Cases in which defects were found:

| | <u>Found</u> | <u>Remedied</u> | <u>Inspector</u> | <u>Referred to H.M.</u> | <u>by H.M.</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Want of cleanliness | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences | | | | | |
| (a) insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) unsuitable or defective | 3 | 3 | - | - | 1 |
| (c) not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act | - | - | - | - | - |

Outwork

No. of outworkers..... 168
 Nature of work..... Making etc. of wearing apparel.

There were no instances of outwork in unwholesome premises.

